AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A service supply method, in which a customer receiving services and at least one of a plurality of suppliers capable of supplying a service desired by the customer are linked, and supply of said desired service from said supplier to said customer is enabled, comprising the steps of:

prior to selecting a supplier, acquiring supplier information concerning at least a time when each of said suppliers can supply said service via a network; and

acquiring customer information concerning said service desired by said customer; and,

wherein allowing the customer who desires the supply of said desired service and the supplier capable of supplying the desired service to correspond with each other based on said supplier information and said acquired customer information.

2. (currently amended): A service supply method, in which a customer receiving services and at least one of a plurality of suppliers capable of supplying a desired service desired by the customer are linked and supply of said desired service from said supplier to said customer is enabled, comprising the steps of:

prior to selecting a supplier, acquiring supplier information concerning at least a time when each of said suppliers can supply said service;

storing the acquired supplier information in a database; and

acquiring customer information concerning said service desired by said customer; and,

allowing wherein the customer who desires the supply of said desired service and the supplier capable of supplying the desired service to correspond with each other based on said acquired customer information and said supplier information read out from said database.

3. (original): The service supply method according to any one of claims 1 and 2, wherein said service is a service associated with medical attention or a service associated with care.

4. (currently amended): A service supply system, in which a customer receiving services and at least one of a plurality of suppliers capable of supplying a service desired by the customer are linked, and supply of said desired service from the supplier to said customer is enabled, comprising:

supplier information acquiring means for acquiring supplier information concerning at least a time when each of said suppliers can supply said service, wherein said supplier information is acquired prior to selecting a supplier;

customer information acquiring means for acquiring customer information concerning said service desired by said customer; and

matching means for ~~allowing~~ establishing correspondence between the customer who desires the supply of said desired service and the supplier capable of supplying the desired service ~~to correspond with each other~~, based on said supplier information and said acquired customer information .

5. (previously presented): The service supply system according to claim 4, said system further comprising a database for storing said supplier information.

6. (original): The service supply system according to any one of claims 4 and 5, wherein said service is a service associated with medical attention or a service associated with care.

7. (previously presented): The service supply method according to claim 1, wherein said supplier information further concerns a quality of service that each of said suppliers can supply, a location of each of said suppliers and/or a fee for the supply of said service.

8. (previously presented): The service supply method according to claim 2, wherein said supplier information further concerns a quality of service that each of said suppliers can supply, a location of each of said suppliers and/or a fee for the supply of said service.

9. (previously presented): The service supply system according to claim 4, wherein said supplier information further concerns a quality of service that each of said suppliers can supply, a location of each of said suppliers and/or a fee for the supply of said service.